

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	06426 USA
First Named Inventor	Rabasco, et al.
<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
Application Number	/
Filing Date	
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**VINYL ACETATE-ETHYLENE CARPET BACKINGS HAVING SPILL RESISTANCE**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

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OR

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Rabasco, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: Vinyl Acetate-Ethylene Carpet Backings Having Spill Resistance

Air Products Polymers, L.P., a limited partnership

(Name of Assignee)

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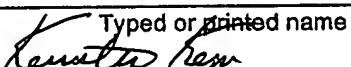
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

11 November 2003

Date

Kenneth M. Kem



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Vice President, Technology

Title

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, we, John Joseph Rabasco and William Thomas Evitt, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to **AIR PRODUCTS POLYMERS, L.P.**, a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, having an office at 7201 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18195-1501, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention relating to

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described in our application for Letters Patent of the United States (identified by Docket No. 06426 USA) executed of even date herewith, in and to all Letters Patent which may be issued upon said application, in and to any divisional or reissue applications based thereon, and in and to all Letters Patent upon said invention or improvements which may be granted in foreign countries. We hereby also assign and convey to said **AIR PRODUCTS POLYMERS, L.P.**, all the rights accruing to us by virtue of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Art. 4), including the right to apply for and to have patents issued in its own name.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and the Officials of the Patent Offices of all other countries to issue the Letters Patent of their respective countries to said **AIR PRODUCTS POLYMERS, L.P.**, as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same.

And we hereby promise and agree to execute all papers and perform all acts necessary to secure to and vest in said **AIR PRODUCTS POLYMERS, L.P.**, its successors and assigns, the rights conveyed as herein set forth.

John Joseph Rabasco (L.S.)  
John Joseph Rabasco

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